

**REMARKS**

In the Examiner Interview conducted on May 14, 2008, the Applicants distinguished claim 1's approach for getting exterior sounds "in ... through the acoustic system" from the Haun reference's radiator support wall, which cannot be modified to introduce exterior sounds into the vehicle's acoustic system.<sup>1</sup> The Applicants also proposed the foregoing amendment to claim 1 in order to clarify that the exterior sounds are "piped in" (i) from the exterior, (ii) though the acoustic system (*i.e.*, transferred from the outside to the inside *via* the acoustic system), and (iii) into the interior. It was agreed that as amended, the claims appear to distinguish over the cited references (independent claim 5 has been amended in the same manner as independent claim 1).

The Applicants submit that as amended, claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8 are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8 is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

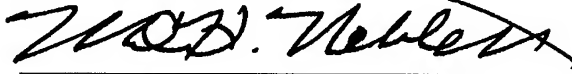
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<sup>1</sup> The "acoustic system" being defined in the original Specification at ¶ [0011] as comprising "the acoustic reception and transmission components in the vehicle," where "[t]ransmission components for acoustic playback include, for example, the loudspeaker of the car radio" and "[r]eception components for acoustic pickup include, for example, the microphones of the car telephone or the voice control system."

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Respectfully submitted,

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